CHAPTER 12

(Senate Bill 305)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 16-5 (c) and (d) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Voting Machines," to modify the arrangement of public and party offices on the election ballot, to provide that the party designation of each candidate be included on all ballots at any election, and to provide that the location of residence of certain candidates be identified on the ballot.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 16-5 (c) and (d) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1971 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 1971 SUPPLEMENT), title "Election Code," subtitle "Voting Machines," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

16-5.

(c) The titles of offices may be arranged horizontally or vertically on the ballots, with the names of candidates for an office arranged longitudinally under or transversely opposite the title of his office. The titles of offices shall be so arranged that: (1) there shall first appear those titles of public offices for which the voters of the entire State or of an entire congressional district may vote as follows: President and Vice President, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General, U. S. Senator, Representative; (2) there shall next appear the titles of candidates for judge of the circuit courts of the several counties, the courts of Baltimore City and the Court of Special Appeals or the Court of Appeals of Maryland there shall also appear the titles for the office of mayor of the City of Baltimore and county executive of the respective counties; (3) there shall next appear the titles of offices in the General Assembly of Maryland; and (4) there shall next appear the titles of offices for which the voters of the respective counties or Baltimore City may vote, including, but not limited to, the offices of county commissioners or county councilmen, county treasurer, sheriff, register of wills, State's attorney, city surveyor, judges of the orphans' court and clerks of the circuit courts of the several counties and of the several courts comprising the Supreme Bench of said city. I offices of the Senate and House of Delegates of the General Assembly of Maryland; (3) there shall next appear the titles of the offices of Mayor, President of the City Council, Comptroller and Members of the City Council of Baltimore City or County Executive and County Council or County Commissioners of the respective counties; (4) there shall next appear the titles of candidates for judge of the Court of Appeals and the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland, of the circuit courts of the several counties, and of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City; (5) there shall next appear the titles of offices for which the voters of the respective counties or Baltimore City may vote, including, but not limited to, the offices of Treasurer, State's Attorney, clerks of the circuit courts of the several counties and of the several courts comprising the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, register